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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing to respectfully urge you to stop the General Fund loan to build the Condemned Inmate Complex (CIC) at San Quentin State Prison. As a taxpayer and concerned California citizen, I believe the plan is fiscally imprudent.

While the State's General Fund continues to deteriorate, the State Controller has issued statements that more IOUs will be issued if action is not taken on the budget, and the state is already deferring payments to education and other critical government services to maintain the State's cash flow.

Leapfrogging payments to schools, cities and counties, and proposing to eliminate funding to health & welfare services, while simultaneously proposing to fund the CIC with General Fund dollars, is not a responsible use of the state's severely depleted resources.

According to the California State Auditor's Report released in June 2008, the capital and operating costs for the proposed CIC would top \$1.6 billion through 2020. To make matters worse, if inmates cannot share a cell, it is estimated that the new facility will reach capacity by 2014, just three years after it opens. Considering California's fiscal crisis and the fact that the project will not meet the state's long term need to house condemned inmates, this project should be scrapped altogether.

Please stop your plans to take \$64.3 million in limited General Funds for the CIC proposal at San Quentin. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

First / Last Name:

Address: